



Declaration

WHEREAS, the next Decennial Census will be taken in the year 2000 as required under Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the state of Utah continues to be one of the fastest growing states in the nation and an accurate census is essential in determining the apportionment of seats in the United States House of Representatives, the Utah State Legislature and Utah city and county voting districts; and

WHEREAS, Census 2000 data will be the basis for billions of dollars in federal funds that will be distributed to Utah each year; and

WHEREAS, governments, large and small corporations, non-profit organizations, religious organizations and local businesses require accurate information on population and family size and income for investment, job development, marketing guidance and determining the impact of educational, health and social programs; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to a full and accurate census count in Utah including members of the population groups traditionally undercounted; and

WHEREAS, individual census records are confidential for 72 years and federal law prohibits any public or private agency from gaining access to confidential census data; and

WHEREAS, Utah is the center for genealogical research and individual census records are valuable sources of information for genealogical studies;

Now, Therefore, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare

Census 2000

as a top priority in Utah and encourage all citizens to support the U.S. Census Bureau in this effort.

Governor:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael O. Leavitt".